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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Thus, the present invention provides a cleaning blade for removal of an untransferred toner remaining on a surface of an image bearing member, wherein [[a]] fine particles are [[is]] attached to a surface of at least a portion of the cleaning blade to come into contact with the image bearing member in an amount of 1 to 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The present invention also provides a process for producing a surface treated cleaning blade for removal of an untransferred toner remaining on a surface of an image bearing member, which comprises applying a nonionic surfactant to a surface of at least a portion of a cleaning blade to come into contact with the image bearing member, and attaching [[a]] fine particles to the surfactant-applied portion in an amount of 1 to 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, followed by drying.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Further, the present invention provides an image forming device equipped with a cleaning blade for removal of an untransferred toner remaining on a surface of an image bearing member, wherein the cleaning blade is a cleaning blade which comprises  $[[a]]$  fine particles attached to a surface of at least a portion thereof to come into contact with the image bearing member in an amount of 1 to 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>.

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Furthermore, the present invention provides an image forming method making use of an image forming device equipped with a cleaning blade for removal of an untransferred toner remaining on a surface of an image bearing member, wherein a cleaning blade, which comprises  $[[a]]$  fine particles attached to a surface of at least a portion thereof to come into contact with the image bearing member in an amount of 1 to 10 mg/cm<sup>2</sup>, is used as the cleaning blade, and a spherical toner is used as a toner.